

Step by Step - Section 27

“See that no one causes you to err from the Halakha of the Teaching, for someone who teaches you to err is causing you to distance yourself from Alaha.”

The central point of this sentence is:

***See that no one causes you to err from the Halakha of the Teaching**

The Halakha is known by many Christians simply as “The Way” spoken of in the Gospels. Halakha means the Way or Path to spiritual perfection. The Teaching is the Good News or Glad Tidings of Yeshua Mshikha.

More than anything, this statement is an indictment against heresy and heretical teachings and groups.

This is evident in the phrasing of this instruction. It is not only saying “Do not err from the Halakha of the Teaching” but ‘See that no one causes you to err from the Halakha of the Teaching’.

How would this happen? If someone taught you a Halakha other than the one taught by Messiah Himself.

When anyone twists the words of Messiah and strives to make you believe He said something that He never said. Or to get you to believe that He didn’t say something that He actually did. Or if they try to get you to emphasize one aspect of the teaching while ignoring other aspects of the teaching. This is all heresy and an offense against Messiah.

St. James points out that the person who teaches you in this manner, is causing you to be removed from the presence of God. This is why it is ever so important to ensure that the person who wants to be your shepherd, should be able to adhere faithfully to the Didache. If they teach and live another Halakha they are teaching their followers to walk away from the presence of God.

What to take from this: There are many teachers today, but few who teach the original Halakha of Messiah. When I find such a teacher, I should honor them and follow their teachings with integrity. There are many false teachers today, and few who even know the original Halakha of Messiah. When I find such a teacher, I should remove myself from their company, reject their teachings and refuse to fellowship with them because they have no honor in the eyes of the Lord and to follow them is to abandon the Real Halakha of Messiah and places an unnecessary obstruction along my spiritual path to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Practice: Examine if your house of worship honors Torah, or the Didache. If they do not honor either, then you need to find another House of Worship. For churches, use the

Didache as a checklist. If they cannot live up, even partially, to the tenets of the Didache, then you should not have any dealings with them.